[facs] Crossword Puzzles

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I find that Crossword puzzles are a good way to review material before a test, and a good vocabulary building activity. I found the following website that easily allows teachers (or others) to easily make their own crossword puzzles for free. You can upgrade for a little more to get a nicer looking permanent puzzle, but I found the copy that I make at the plain site is just fine. I just print off the results, and maybe manually cut and paste a couple of clip art pictures to tape to the puzzle to make it look better. Here is the site, in case you haven't used it yet. It only takes a short time to make a puzzle custom made for your class. The kids usually like this activity, and I allow notes and group discussion on this part of the assignment before a test. It also helps if a student is absent, and they can use it as a study guide.

http://www.variety-games.com/CW/